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SUBJECT: SOVIET-GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE ON BURNHAM VISIT

REF: (A) MOSCOW 8070, (B) MOSCOW 8368

SUMMARY: SOVIET-GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT TO SOVIET
UNION OF GUYANESE PM BURNHAM HEAVILY REFLECTS SOVIET LINE.
STILL, THERE IS SOME INDICATION, EVEN IN THIS SYCOPHANTIC
DOCUMENT, OF LESS THAN ABSOLUTE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS. PROB-
LEM MAY CENTER ON DIFFERENT APPROACH OF TWO COUNTRIES
TOWARD NEW, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT EVIDENCE TO
SUPPORT THIS IS ONLY INFERENTIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 23 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TEXT OF JOINT SOVIET-
GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE ON BURNHAM VISIT. ASSUME DEPT. HAS
FULL TEXT. EMBASSY WILL NOT SUMMARIZE THIS EXHAUSTIVE
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DOCUMENT BUT WILL SIMPLY NOTE SOME OF MORE INTERESTING
POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

-- CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION CAN
BE INFERRED FROM PHRASE "BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" DESPITE COMMUNIQUE'S CLEAR EMPHASIS
ON THOSE MANY ISSUES ON WHICH TWO SIDES HAD SAME OPINION,

AND DESPITE DESCRIPTION OF ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS AS ONE OF
"CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING;"

-- SOVIET SIDE, IN APPLAUDING GUYANA'S "STEPS" TOWARD
SOCIAL-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY WAS MORE RE-
STRAINED THAN BURNHAM. BURNHAM HAD REFERRED TO "FIRM
STEPS...TO LAY THE BASIS OF SOCIALISM" IN GUYANA. COMMENT:
MOSCOW IS OFTEN MORE CAUTIOUS IN CATEGORIZING THE LEFTWARD
TILT OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES THAN ARE THE LEADERS OF THOSE
COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. END COMMENT.

-- ECHOING REPORT OF APRIL 17 TALKS (REF A), TWO SIDES EM-
PHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "EXPANSION OF AGREED-UPON BASIS" OF
BILATERAL COOPERATION IN SUCH AREAS AS TRADE, ECONOMIC AND
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, MARITIME FISHING AND SHRIMPING.
TWO SIDES PLEDGED TO WORK TOWARD FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BI-
LATERAL TIES IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL "AND OTHER"
TIES AND TO DEVELOP "COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA."
COMMENT: WHILE PHRASE "AND OTHER" IN THIS CONTEXT IS COM-
MON EUPHEMISM FOR MILITARY COOPERATION, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE
TO INDICATE THAT THIS IS THE CASE IN THIS INSTANCE. END
COMMENT.

-- TWO SIDES NOTE IMPORTANCE OF "POLITICAL COOPERATION AND
COORDINATION OF ACTS OF BOTH STATES" AS WELL AS FURTHER
CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS.
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-- ON "MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT PROBLEMS", TWO SIDES APPROV-
INGLY NOTE "COINCIDENCE OR NEARNESS OF POINTS OF VIEW" - A
FURTHER INDICATION OF AT LEAST SOME DIFFERENCES - THIS
PHRASE IS REPEATED FROM REPORT ON BURNHAM-BREZHNEV MEETING
ON APRIL 19 (REF B).

-- ON LENGTHY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THERE IS NO REAL
HINT OF WHAT THESE DIFFERENCES MIGHT BE ALTHOUGH WE DO NOTE
THAT GUYANESE SIGNED ON TO BASIC SOVIET INTERPRETATION
OF NEED FOR "RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELA-
TIONS." SINCE GUYANESE INTERPRETATION AS DESCRIBED BY
BURNHAM IN HIS APRIL 17 DINNER SPEECH TO KOSYGIN DIFFERED
CONSIDERABLY FROM THAT OF HIS SOVIET HOSTS, THIS ISSUE MAY
VERY WELL REPRESENT A CONTINUING PROBLEM AREA BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES (REF A).

-- AN UNUSUAL NOTE IS STRUCK BY TWO SIDES' POSITIVE ASSESS-
MENT OF CUBAN SUCCESS IN "SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION"
AND OF CUBAN POLICY WHICH IS "EXAMPLE" FOR OTHER COUNTRIES
STRUGGLING FOR THEIR FREEDOM, RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION
AND INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE.

2. COMMENT: COMMUNIQUE APPEARS AS A MODEL OF SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH SOVIET UNION WOULD LIKE TO SIGN WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. APART FROM CHINA, VIRTUALLY EVERY INTERNATIONAL ISSUE OF INTEREST TO SOVIET SIDE IS TOUCHED UPON - AND IN SOVIET TERMS. BUT WHETHER THIS EXAMPLE OF DIPLOMATIC SYCOPHANCY WILL BE SIGNIFICANT IN GETTING THE GUYANESE TANGIBLE RESULTS IN THEIR SEARCH FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL SUPPORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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